

honor is well deserved by Mr. Pitts for his success and influence in the insurance industry, his outstanding contributions to the Memphis community, and his truly exemplary life.

Over 50 years ago, Mr. Pitts co-founded Lipscomb & Pitts Insurance which has grown to become the largest locally-owned independent insurance agency, and one of the largest privately-owned, single-site insurance agencies in the United States. Throughout his career, Mr. Pitts has served locally as president of both the Insurers of Tennessee and the Insurers of Memphis, and he has been active nationally as the State National Director of the Independent Insurance Brokers of America and as the president of the Professional Insurance Agents.

With all of these achievements, Mr. Pitts still affirms that the most rewarding experiences of his professional career have been the instances when he has watched employees develop professionally and has had the opportunity to influence the lives of those who work at Lipscomb & Pitts. Mr. Pitts has been instrumental in leading Lipscomb & Pitts to support many community organizations both with financial resources and with employees' volunteered time.

Mr. Pitts is an Eagle Scout and the father and grandfather of Eagle Scouts. He has received numerous awards for the Boy Scouts of America and currently serves as the chairman of the Eagle Board of Review. Mr. Pitts has also been an active life-long member of his church, Faith Christian Church.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. John Pitts, a man who is a true leader in the insurance industry, the Memphis business community, his local community, and his family on the occasion of his induction into the Tennessee Insurance Hall of Fame.

RECOGNIZING THE HEROIC EFFORTS OF THE PEOPLE WHO SAVED DEAN OLSON

HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, May 25, 2005, 84-year-old Dean Olson of Montevideo, Minnesota lost control of his pickup truck during a storm, went off the road, and landed approximately 35 feet into the Minnesota River. The vehicle was not visible from the road. Mr. Olson spent over 2 hours trapped in the vehicle, submerged to his shoulders in 40-degree water, after sustaining multiple injuries.

It is our intention today to recognize the compassionate and heroic efforts of three people who saved Mr. Olson's life that day: Mr. Kevin Applewick, Chippewa County Sheriff Deputy Timothy Christensen, and Mr. Robert Pender.

Kevin Applewick discovered the partially submerged truck while searching for a fishing spot. Mr. Applewick could not determine if anyone was in the vehicle. He promptly notified the Chippewa County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Timothy Christensen was dispatched to the scene and arrived at the same time as Robert Pender, who was fishing in the area. By the time of their arrival, Mr. Applewick

thought he had heard low moans coming from the pickup. Mr. Pender and Deputy Christensen immediately waded into the swift current of the near freezing Minnesota River, where they discovered Dean Olson trapped in the vehicle. They notified emergency response personnel, and kept Mr. Olson breathing and prevented him from drowning for 20 minutes while standing in over 4 feet of cold river water until EMS professionals could evacuate him.

Dean Olson, who served his country as a fighter pilot in the Pacific Theater during WWII, remains hospitalized in serious condition at Hennepin County Medical Center.

He and his family are extremely grateful for the extraordinary efforts that sustained Mr. Olson's life.

The extraordinary efforts and exceptional actions of Kevin Applewick, Timothy Christensen, and Robert Pender are hereby recognized and commended.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, due to business in my district, I was unable to vote during the following rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as indicated below.

Rollcall No. 324: "yes"; rollcall No. 325: "no"; rollcall No. 326: "no"; rollcall No. 327: "yes"; rollcall No. 328: "no"; rollcall No. 329: "no"; rollcall No. 330: "yes"; rollcall No. 331: "yes"; rollcall No. 332: "yes"; rollcall No. 333: "yes"; rollcall No. 334: "no"; rollcall No. 335: "yes."

ACKNOWLEDGING THE PARKER FAMILY FOR THEIR SACRIFICES DURING WORLD WAR II

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Chas and Effie Parker of Westfield, FL, who had five sons in World War II: Samuel, Leon, John, Lewis, and Chas Jr. Their three daughters, Clea, Nita, and Marquerite, and other son, Alan Parker, remained in the U.S. For their accomplishments the Parkers received a Blue Banner with five blue stars. After the war all five sons returned home safely. They lived out the American dream and made a home, a family and life in the country they loved.

The millions of young Americans, like the Parkers and their sons, pulled the U.S. out of a Great Depression. They defeated fascism and saved the world from the threat of Nazi occupation of Europe. Without their help, America would not have had victory during World War II.

In a letter to the mother of five men who died during the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln wrote, "I feel how fruitless must be any words of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering to you the con-

solation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save."

I thank the Parkers for their sacrifices during World War II, which helped preserve the freedom Americans enjoy. The Parkers are a model American family, a family I am proud to call constituents.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL JOHN W. IVES

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor today to rise and pay tribute to a great American, Colonel John W. Ives, for his distinguished and exemplary service on behalf of my constituents and a grateful nation.

When Colonel Ives first enlisted as a soldier in 1972, no one could have imagined the events of September 11, 2001 and the war on terrorism that would ensue. And yet in hindsight, Colonel Ives' entire career prepared him to be a leader in our post 9/11 world and to help the Army position itself to face the future.

Colonel Ives was commissioned as a military intelligence officer in 1981 after completing his undergraduate studies in the Business School at the University of Texas, El Paso. Colonel Ives led two platoons in the 125th Military Intelligence Battalion (CEWI), followed by 2 years as the S2 Intelligence Officer with the 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. He later directed a Joint Agency Task Team from the National Photographic Interpretation Center, specializing in North Korean affairs. During his combat tour in Operation Desert Storm, Colonel Ives served as the S3 Operations Officer.

Following his time in Desert Storm, Colonel Ives continued his established career in intelligence by managing sensitive advanced technology programs for the Office of Secretary of Defense. From 1997–1999, he commanded the 532nd Military Intelligence Battalion (Operations) in the Republic of Korea, afterwards being assigned as Director, Imagery Assessments Directorate (IAD) with the National Ground Intelligence Center (NGIC). In June 2002, he assumed command of the Army Garrison at Fort Meade.

A highly decorated individual, Colonel Ives' commitment to American security is evident in the number of awards he has earned. The Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster), Joint Staff Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster), National Defense Service Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), Saudi Arabian-Kuwait Liberation Medal, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal are just a few of the many decorations Colonel Ives has achieved. Never one to rest in his accomplishments, Colonel Ives continues to fight for excellence for every soldier and for our nation's Army.

I am proud to represent both Ft. Meade and NSA. As a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, I understand the threats our nation faces and fully appreciate the contributions of military intelligence experts like Colonel Ives. I have also had the pleasure of personally knowing Colonel Ives to be a man who cares deeply about his country. He has provided dutiful service as a leader on